

HEROINE

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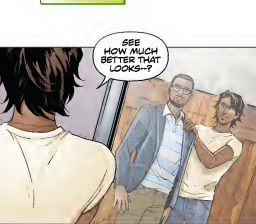
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CHAPTER THIRTY

CALL MY AGENT

THE RIGHT FIT
IS IMPORTANT.



SEE
HOW MUCH
BETTER THAT
LOOKS--?

--WHOEVER
PUT YOU IN
A FORTY-TWO
DOESN'T KNOW
WHAT THEY'RE
DOING.

THIS IS A
BEAUTIFUL
JACKET.

MR.
McDUFFEY...?



IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE
TRIGGER'S TANTRUM TORE
APART THE HEROINE CHIC
DESIGN STUDIO.

...ABOUT
THE CLAIM?

YES, OF
COURSE.

I WOULD
SUGGEST
GETTING THE
REPAIRS DONE
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



A comic panel showing a person in a dormitory. The person is standing in a narrow hallway between two beds. The bed on the left has a white sheet and a blue blanket. The bed on the right has a blue patterned blanket. The person is wearing a white shirt and blue pants. A speech bubble is coming from the person.

I'M WAITING
TO HEAR BACK
FROM THE LANDLORD.
WHEN DO YOU THINK
I CAN EXPECT A
CHECK?

IT'S SUPPOSED
TO RAIN AGAIN
ON THURSDAY.



I'M NOT
SURE YOU
WILL.

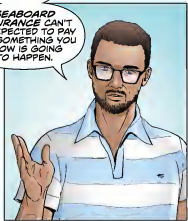
WHAT?
BUT I'M
INSURED.

YOU HAVE
COVERAGE, MS.
PORTER. BUT YOUR
BUSINESS, BY ITS
DEFINITION, PUTS YOU
IN REPEATED CONTACT
WITH SUPER-POWERED

WITH SUPER POWERED
INDIVIDUALS...

...INDIVIDUALS
WHO CREATE
AND ENGENDER
THIS TYPE OF
DAMAGE ON
A REGULAR
BASIS.

SEABOARD
INSURANCE CAN'T
BE EXPECTED TO PAY
FOR SOMETHING YOU
KNOW IS GOING
TO HAPPEN.



ZOE BLAMES HERSELF
FOR NOT READING THE
POLICY'S FINE PRINT--

--IT DOESN'T
EXCUSE McDUFFEY'S
MANSPLAINING.

BUT I
DIDN'T KNOW
IT WAS GOING
TO HAPPEN.

IT'S NOT
SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN.
TRIGGER
WAS--

--YOU
DID GET
HER PRETTY
RILED UP.



IS THAT
TRUE...?

...IN YOUR
STATEMENT,
YOU SAID YOU
DISAGREED WITH
HER ABOUT A
CAPE.



IF ZOE HEARS THE WORD
"CAPE" ONE MORE TIME,
SHE'S GOING TO SCREAM.





THAT WASN'T A
SCREAM. THAT
WAS A YELL.

HERE ARE
THE BILLS FOR
BOARDING UP
THE DOOR AND
THE ROOF. AND TWO
ESTIMATES FOR
EACH, TO FIX
THEM.



I'LL
DISCUSS IT WITH
MY SUPERVISOR

WHEN I GET
BACK TO THE
OFFICE.

MCDUFFEY PUTS A DOLLAR
AMOUNT TO THE DAMAGE DONE BY
SUPER-HEROES AND SUPER-VILLAINS,
BUT HE IS POWERLESS...

...ANY DECISION ON ZOE'S CLAIM WILL BE
MADE BY SOMEONE IN AN OFF-THE-RACK
POLY-BLEND SUIT. NOT A COSTUME.

GETTING THE SEAGEL-
SHOOSTER CLAUSE TO
PAY OFF IS A CUTE IDEA.
BUT IT ISN'T FUNNY.

THANK
YOU! WE'VE ONLY
BEEN OPEN ABOUT
SIX MONTHS. IT'S
STILL A NEW
BUSINESS.

YOUR
PARTNER'S
VERY WELL-
DRESSED
FOR A
STARTUP.

THAT
SUIT'D
PROBABLY
PAY FOR THE
WINDOW.



SPEAKING OF
TRIGGERS...

SILVERMAN
IS MY INTERN,
MR.
McDUFFEY--

--AND
I DON'T
ASK HOW HE
AFFORDS LAST
YEAR'S BRIONI;
THAT'S HIS
BUSINESS--





...ZOE'S STARTING
TO TURN A LITTLE
PURPLE.

--HEROINE
CHIC IS MINE.
SO I NEED
YOU TO TAKE
MY CLAIM
SERIOUSLY.





OF
COURSE!

BUT
MOST OF THE
PEOPLE I WORK
WITH PREFER TO
REMAIN
ANONYMOUS.



ZOE'S LIST
INCLUDES:

*SUPER EGO, THE KNIT
CAP, SENSEI, GILDED LILY,
THE CAVALEER, AND CHER.*



AND
NO SUPER-
VILLAINS?



ABSOLUTELY
NOT.

WORKING WITH CRIMINAL
CLIENTS NEGATES THE TERMS
OF THE INSURANCE POLICY.

YOU
KNOW, EVEN
IF WE DENY
THE CLAIM, YOU
CAN STILL SEEK
RESTITUTION
IN A *CIVIL*
ACTION.

LET'S
HOPE IT
DOESN'T
COME TO
THAT.



CIVIL WAR?

ZOE CAN'T AFFORD TO
GO TO COURT. EVERY
PENNY SHE HAS IS TIED
UP IN THE BUSINESS.

"THANK YOU,
MS. PORTER--



"--WE'LL BE

IN TOUCH."

WHAT
THE F***
WAS
THAT?

I KNOW!
ANOTHER ENTITLED
STRAIGHT WHO
CAN'T UNDERSTAND
THAT A YOUNG
WOMAN OWNS HER
OWN BUSINESS.

I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
YOU.





WHAT?

YOU
DON'T TELL
THE INSURANCE
MAN HE WEARS
THE WRONG SIZE
JACKET.

WHEN I'M
WITH SOMEONE,
YOU DON'T HAVE
AN OPINION. YOU
JUST SIT THERE
AND SHUT THE
F--- UP.





ZOE HEARS THE WORDS
AS THEY COME OUT OF
HER MOUTH:



**UNDERSTAND
ME?**



BUT
YOU DON'T
KNOW ME. YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT
I'M THINKING. SO
DON'T YOU EVER
SPEAK FOR ME
AGAIN.

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME--?

--YOU
SELF-
RIGHTEOUS,
UNTALENTED,
MILLENNIAL
C***.



ZOE PROMISED HERSELF IF SHE
EVER HAD HER OWN BUSINESS, IF
SHE EVER HAD EMPLOYEES--

--THAT SHE'D NEVER
TREAT THEM LIKE
DYNA TREATED HER.



CLIENTS AND BILLS AND
INVENTORY AND PROMOTION.
THE BUSINESS. THE BRAND.
IT'S KILLING HER.

AND NOW THIS
INSURANCE THING.

THERE'S NO TIME TO
THINK. TO BE CREATIVE.
TO DESIGN.

SHE STARTED HEROINE
CHIC TO BE A DESIGNER.

HOW DOES
DYNA DO IT?

IT'S
BEEN A
SHITTY WEEK,
SILVERMAN, BUT
I SHOULDN'T
TAKE IT OUT
ON YOU.

I'M
SORRY.





DYNA NEVER
APOLOGIZED.

WE'RE
GOOD, ZOE.
THANKS.

BUT CAN
I JUST SAY
ONE LITTLE
THING...?

OF
COURSE!





...IT'S
PRONOUNCED
SILVER **MAN**.



BECAUSE EVEN
THE INTERN WANTS TO
BE A SUPER-HERO.



UNDER THE SHEETS!



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